MR. M. P. JOSEPH : The statement showing the quantity and value of coir yarn shipped to South African Ports from Travancore from the year 1934 to 1939 is laid on the table.

Competitive Examinations conducted by the Public Service Commissioner.

374. **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of candidates that came out successful in the competitive examinations conducted by the Public Service Commissioner and the number among them who were given appointments ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Four.

Examinations conducted by the Public Service Commissioner.

375. **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many examinations were conducted by the Public Service Commissioner for selection of candidates for recruitment to the intermediate division with the dates and the total number of candidates declared to have passed in the said examinations respectively ;

(*b*) whether all of them have been recruited to the Public Service and, if not, the total number so far recruited (up to 30-11-1114)

(*c*) how many among so appointed by the Public Service Commissioner are still in service and how many are out of service ;

(*d*) the names of 10 persons in the first list, who are without job after the expiry of the period for which the first appointment was made by the Public Service Commissioner, and the respective period of the first appointment, and also the date on which they were respectively relieved from duty

(*e*) the number of candidates appointed in the Registration Department under the advice of the Public Service Commissioner, who were already confirmed in the Department, with the respective dates of such first appointments and the dates of confirmation and their respective number in the list maintained by the Public Service Commissioner;

(*f*) the number of persons who were recruited by the Public Service Commissioner to the intermediate division and who are without appointment for more than 2 years after the expiry of the period of first appointment ;

(*g*) the number of persons who were recruited by the Public Service Commissioner to the intermediate division and who are without appointment for more than one year, after the expiry of the period of first appointment :

(*h*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has recruited any persons to the intermediate division who have not passed the examinations referred to in (*a*) and the total number and names of such persons with the respective dates of their appointments ; and

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for such appointments ?

*Vide appendix XIII page.965

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DR. G. D. NOKES : (*a*) Three special Examinations-Chingom 1112, Kanni 1113 and Kanni 1114. No candidates were declared to have passed. as the Special Examination is part only of a selective test. Also special tests for Scribes and Malayalam Typists.

(*b*) No. 708.

(*c*) No statistics are available.

(*d*) It is not understood what is meant by 'the first list', as the first Special Examination formed part of a Selective test for more than one type of appointment. If the member wishes for information about a particular individual the information can be supplied after due notice.

(*e*) No candidates who were already confirmed in the Registration Department were recruited on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

(*f*) & (*g*) No Statistics are maintained.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) The Special Examinations formed part of the selective tests only for clerical and typing appointments. Every advice on recruitment to any other appointment in the Intermediate Division therefore relates to some person who has not passed the Special Examination for the purpose of selection to that appointment.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, May I know, with reference to part (h) in the answer the total number and names of such persons and the respective dates of their appointment ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I do not follow the meaning of 'such persons.'

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir a point for the consideration of the Chair. My question under (h) is as follows.

> " Whether the Public Service Commissioner has recruited any persons to the intermediate division who have not passed the examinations referred to in (a) and the total number and the names of such persons with respective dates of their appointments ".

Sir, the answer given under (h) is 'Yes'. How can this answer suffice for my purpose. Mine is a specific question.

DR. G. D. NOKES: Sir, the question is based on a misunderstaning

PRESIDENT : Apparently Dr. Nokes' answer has not been scrutinised by him. I think proper answer might be given. The question is actually whether the Public Service Commissioner has recruited any persons to the intermediate division, etc., and the total number and the names of such persons with respective dates of their appointments. The 'yes' applies only to the first part of the question.

DR. G. D. NOKES: The answers (h) and (i) should be read together. The explanation for not giving the numbers and names required is implied in answer (i). The member presumably does not want hundreds of names. The question is based on a misunderstanding both of the object of the examinations, which is explained in answer (a), and of the types of appointment for which they are held. If the member

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[Dr. G. D. Nokes.]

wants to know the number of persons who are selected in the selective tests that can be given. But the number of persons who have not "passed" the examinations forming part of certain selective tests cannot be given.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, May I know the reason why such persons, who have not passed in the selective test, have been appointed ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: As explained in answer (a), the so-called passing of the examination is defferent from selection in a selective test. Candidates for non-clerical appointments do not take an examination as part of the test.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any such persons have been appointed in the clerical line who have not sat for the selective test ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes, if the member means 'sat for the examination', some of the clerical appointments are not the subject of an examination, such as those of Income Tax clerks on Rs. 40.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason for such appointments.

DR. G. D. NOKES: The reason is to continue the works of Public Service.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any candidate was appointed in the Registration Department as per the advice of the Public Service Commissioner ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether such inaccuracies exist in the dealings in the Public Service Commissioner's office ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I am not aware what the member refers to as 'such inaccuracies'.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: I mean inaccuracies in the answer to part (h) of the question.

DR. G. D. NOKES: Sir, there is no inaccuracy there. I myself drafted the answer in that form, in the hope of calling attention, not to the supposed inaccuracy of the answer, but to the fact that the question showed a misunderstanding of the object of the special examinations.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether the candidates appointed in the Registration Department as per the advice of the Public Service Commissioner were subsequently confirmed in the department ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I am not concerned with confirmation; and I cannot answer vague questions about candidates' appointments in the Registration Department, without information as to when the candidates were appointed or on what pay.

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